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FINAL OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 18, 2002, please consider the following remarks in connection with the above application.

Remarks

The Office Action dated March 18, 2002 indicated that claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10-12 and 17-19 stand rejected under §102(b) in view of *Renteln* (U.S. Patent No. 5,664,987); claims 5, 7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '987 reference in view of *Yang* (U.S. Patent No. 6,113,462); and claims 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '987 reference in view of *Hu et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,227,947). Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and submits that the claimed invention is in condition for allowance.

Applicant submits that the Office Action fails to comply with 35 U.S.C. §132 and M.P.E.P. §707.07(f) in failing to address the Applicant's arguments directed to the '987

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